

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

## Voting Members

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Committee Meeting Held  
July 23, 2015

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin  
Chair, City Council  
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred  
Bill 52 (2015):

"BILL RELATING TO RESTRICTED PARKING ZONES (RPZ),"

which passed first reading at the July 8, 2015 Council meeting, reports as follows:

The purpose of Bill 52 (2015) is to establish an RPZ program to help ease parking congestion in residential neighborhoods surrounded by major traffic generators, such as hospitals and universities, while balancing the needs of the general public to use City streets. RPZs help neighborhoods deal with impacts from major traffic generators through transportation and parking demand management strategies that impose parking restrictions by requiring permits for parking privileges.

Councilmember Fukunaga, the introducer of the Bill, explained that other U.S. cities faced with a great demand for limited on-street parking have successfully instituted RPZs. This Bill is based on a Seattle ordinance and is one of a variety of transportation demand management strategies that are being used to provide alternatives to both residents and businesses in Seattle neighborhoods. It is hoped that this Bill will begin constructive dialogue on what might work in Honolulu to address parking congestion, which is an island-wide issue.

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Director Formby of the Department of Transportation Services expressed interest in furthering the discussion, particularly with respect to transportation demand management strategies. Since the Bill is based on a Seattle-based program, he indicated that there are local issues and concerns that should be addressed to fit Honolulu, including constitutional issues dealing with public access rights, unimproved roadways where road shoulders serve as unimproved sidewalks and parking is not allowed under the traffic code, administrative costs, enforcement concerns, and ADA considerations.

One individual testified in support of and one individual testified in opposition to the Bill. Two individuals submitted written testimony in support of and two individuals submitted written testimony in opposition to the Bill.

Your Committee on Transportation is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill 52 (2015) and recommends that it pass second reading and be scheduled for a public hearing. (Ayes: Kobayashi, \*Menor, Pine, Manahan – 4; Noes – Elefante – 1.)  
\*Councilmember Menor voted aye with reservations.

Respectfully submitted,



JOEY MANAHAN  
Committee Chair

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